GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Maintenance of Roads
Mann Shri Bhagwant

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the roads constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) since 2013 including Punjab, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government has issued instructions to State Governments to fix the responsibility and ensure transparency for repairing and maintaining the high quality of roads build under these schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): 'Rural Roads' is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one- time special intervention to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network. As per PMGSY guidelines, execution of projects cleared by the Ministry is the responsibility of the State Governments. The length of roads completed by the States including the State of Punjab, during years 2012-13 to 2015-16 (upto June'15) is enclosed as Annexure.

(b) to (d): As per PMGSY Programme Guidelines, all the roads being constructed under PMGSY will be covered under a 5-years maintenance contract to be entered into along with the construction contract, with the same contractor, as per the Standard Bidding Document (SBD). Maintenance funds to service the contract is budgeted by the State Government and placed at the disposal of State Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA) in a separate Maintenance Fund Account. On expiry of 5-years post-construction maintenance, the roads shall be placed under Zonal Maintenance Contracts consisting of 5-years maintenance including renewal of the surface, as per cycle. The State Governments will make the necessary budget provision and place the funds to service the Zonal Maintenance Contracts at the disposal of the SRRDA in the Maintenance Fund Account.

Ministry has been issuing advisories to the States regarding the need for timely maintenance of rural roads. The States are required to conduct Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Survey and prepare Road Inventory, for prioritization of roads for upgradation and maintenance. The PCI survey is to be repeated every two years.The States have been asked to regularly release the requisite funds required by SRRDA for maintenance and its utilization. During Regional Review Meetings and Empowered Committee Meetings, the State Governments are being advised to ensure proper maintenance and upkeep of rural roads and full utilization of maintenance funds. The States have also been asked to formulate and notify State Rural Road Maintenance Policy and Maintenance Management System for rural roads.

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